UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

IN RE MERCK & CO., INC. SECURITIES, DERIVATIVE & "ERISA" LITIGATION

MDL No. 1658 (SRC) Civil Action No. 05-1151 (SRC)(CLW)

THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO: THE CONSOLIDATED SECURITIES ACTION

Civil Action No. 05-2367 (SRC)(CLW)

STIPULATION AND ORDER REGARDING THE DEPOSITION OF THIRD PARTY DR. LOREN LAINE

WHEREAS, on May 8, 2013, Plaintiffs served Dr. Loren Laine with two subpoenas seeking responsive documents and his deposition testimony; and

WHEREAS, the parties subsequently reached agreement concerning Plaintiffs' document subpoena, but, on June 13, 2013, Dr. Laine filed a motion to quash Lead Plaintiffs' subpoena seeking Dr. Laine's deposition, or in the alternative, seeking a protective order limiting the scope of the deposition; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Laine tentatively agreed to a date of August 5, 2013 for his deposition pending the resolution of his motion; and

WHEREAS, Lead Plaintiffs opposed Dr. Laine's motion on July 1, 2013; and

WHEREAS, on August 1, 2013, counsel for Lead Plaintiffs and counsel for Dr. Laine agreed to resolve Dr. Laine's pending motion to quash pursuant to the terms below,

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED, by and between Plaintiffs and Dr. Laine, through their undersigned counsel, as follows:

- Plaintiffs will take the deposition of Dr. Loren Laine on August 5, 2013, in New Haven, Connecticut.
- 2. Plaintiffs' interrogation of Dr. Laine at deposition is limited to fact issues.

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- Plaintiffs may not pose questions that solicit expert testimony, e.g., questions 3. seeking opinions from Dr. Laine on scientific or medical matters that may be at issue in the litigation. This applies, but is not limited to, Dr. Laine's knowledge regarding research, studies, and data relating to VIOXX.
- Dr. Laine's pending motion to quash Lead Plaintiffs' subpoena is hereby resolved 4. by this Stipulation and Order.

DATED: August 1, 2013

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SO ORDERED this ____ day of August, 2013

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